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In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

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The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and with reference to the UA IRN 20 / 2025 dated 01 December 2025 enclosed with the Joint Urgent Appeal from Special Procedures, has the honor to transmit herewith, comments from the High Council for Human Rights of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Regarding the correspondence by some of the Human Rights Council's mandate holders on December 1, 2025 about Ms. Goli Koohkan (reference number UA IRN 20/2025), the following is provided to clarify the allegations made:

- She is a citizen of Afghanistan and is not considered a Baluch Iranian. However, according to Article 3 of the Islamic Penal Code, "Iranian criminal laws shall apply to all persons who commit crimes within the territorial, maritime, and airspace jurisdiction of the Islamic Republic of Iran" and no discrimination shall be made in the application of the law between foreign and Iranian nationals".
- She was born in 1999 and at the time of committing the murder, in 2018, she was over 19 years old, and raising the claim of "child marriage" regarding her is entirely unfounded.
- Ms. Goli Kouhkan, contrary to the claim made in the correspondence, does have identity documents.
- She with the participation of another person, brutally murdered her husband with multiple stab wounds and beheading after administering anesthetic, which has hurt public sentiment in the area where they live. In part of her statement in court, she stated that "after [the stabbings] I was afraid that he might get up and hurt me, so I took the kitchen knife (the yellow knife) and cut [redacted] throat".
- In part of the correspondence, it is implied that the motive for committing the murder was her husband's (the victim's) mistreatment of her. However, according to the reports in the case file, including the examination of more than 2,500 text messages exchanged and over 3,000 phone calls between her and her accomplice, as well as the explicit confessions of the perpetrators, these individuals committed the crime due to an emotional relationship and, after planning the murder of the deceased, they jointly carried out this crime.
- It is claimed in the correspondence that the basis of the issued judgment was Ms. Koohkan's confession to the murder. This claim is incorrect. The evidence, documents, and materials in the case file, including forensic

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examinations, analysis of phone calls and text messages, local investigations, reconstruction of the crime scene, and dozens of other pieces of evidence, indicate that the investigation into establishing her involvement in the murder was complete, and that the issued judgment was based on the totality of this evidence.

- Despite the finality of the judgment (with all stages of legal proceedings completed and with access to legal counsel), its execution has been suspended due to ongoing reconciliation sessions, and efforts to obtain the consent of the victim's family continue.

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